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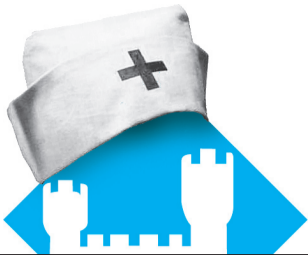
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EASTERN GETS NURSED

EIU's newest program offers evening classes for 14 practicing locals.

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DONALD THOMAS

Senior linebacker prepares for another season with the Panthers and looks to have another big year.

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NEW STATE BUDGET BRINGS \$906,400 TO EASTERN

Gov. Blagojevich's approval of the \$59.5 billion state budget on Friday will provide nearly a million dollars for instructional purposes

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Staff Reporter

President William Perry has nothing to complain about after hearing Eastern is set to receive a 1.9 percent increase in appropriations from the state of Illinois for the 2008 fiscal year.

"We've got some numbers now that we can work with planning this year and executing the programs that we need to do and want to do," Perry said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich approved the long overdue state budget Thursday, which the General Assembly passed August 10.

Eastern will see an increase of \$906,400 from the 2007 fiscal year to the 2008 fiscal year. In 2007, Eastern received about \$48.2 million from the state. For 2008, the total is projected to be around \$49.2 million.

SEE BUDGET, PAGE 5



EASTERN'S SHARE
2007 fiscal year
• \$48.2 million

2008 fiscal year
• \$49.2 million

RUNNERS CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS FUND



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman physical education major Mallor Mihalov finishes the "Run for a Reason" on the Panther Trail Sunday evening. The benefit was organized to raise money for the disaster relief fund in Coles County. Each contributor had to pay \$25 to participate in the run, but could have donated more if they wanted to. Go to www.dennews.com to view a slideshow.

GREEK LIFE

Spiking for a good cause

Greek Barbeque volleyball tournament raises money for St. Jude

By Colleen Kitka
Staff Reporter

On Sunday afternoon students enjoyed the sun and blue skies at the Greek Barbeque at Carman Hall, an eight-year tradition.

The Greek Life along with supporting organizations such as Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Interfraternity Council arranged the event.

A number of Gamma Chi members, a branch of the Panhellenic Council that recruits members in an unbiased way, were also present.

New to this tradition were a volleyball and four square tournament.

Senior and Gamma Chi member, Heather Mitchell said 12 volleyball teams had signed up to play in the single elimination tournament. Many of the teams signed up by residence hall floors at their first floor meetings, after paying a \$5 entry fee that went to for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. No teams signed up for four-square tournaments.

Along with watching the games, spectators could participate in one of three bag games, a pick-up game on the empty four-square court, toss around flying discs or watch the games and listen to music put on by a DJ.

There was a turnout by the Greek community as the event also acted as a way for those interested in joining a fra-

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL FACTS

• The Volleyball tournament's entry fees went into a donation for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

• St. Jude is a research hospital located in Memphis, Tenn., dedicated to finding cures to catastrophic diseases that affect children.

• The hospital is the only pediatric clinic in the country that does not charge for treatment from its patients without insurance.

• Much of the funding, \$1.3 million per day, is brought in by charitable fund raisers such as the Greek Barbeque on Sunday.

• Majority of all costs at St. Jude have gone to program expenses and patient care. A little under half have gone to research.

For more information, visit:
www.stjude.org

ternity or sorority to see what it was all about in a casual atmosphere.

Amanda Raz, a senior special education and art education major, said that 40 to 50 members of the PHC and Gamma Chi were out to show their support.

Nate Matthies, a senior and vice president of recruitment for Sigma Phi Epsilon, came out to just watch the games. He said it was "a great way to meet people."

Freshman Alex Migit played on the Taylor North B-team.

SEE BARBEQUE, PAGE 2

TODAY
87° | 63°
Sunny



TUESDAY
92° | 67°
Sunny



WEDNESDAY
91° | 69°
Partly cloudy



“People really got into it, helped to raise funds for St. Jude, and helped increase interest in Greek Life.”

—Billy Flowers, grad assistant on the Greek Barbeque

Sophomore Jeremy Wojcik goes up for the game-winning spike against sophomore Rayme Mackinson in round 2 of the St. Jude Volleyball tournament on Sunday.

DIXIE SEXTON |
THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Volleyball tournament highlights picnic

BARBEQUE, FROM PAGE 1

“It’s kinda fun once you get into it,” he said.

He was recruited to play by his RA.

Migit also said he was happy to play for a really good cause.

Only a few of the teams were coed.

The one formed by the Stevenson and Douglas Halls resident assistants was coed and the Andrews Hall eighth floor blue team was all

men, except for sophomore Lindsay Woods whose original teammates did not show up.

As the afternoon continued the final match came to a match between the Carman Hall South fifth floor team and the Andrews Hall eighth floor blue team.

The Andrews Hall team took the win after a best of three games.

The winners walked away with a free pizza party.

Following the tournament Carman Hall dining agreed with the

councils to serve a buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, vegetables and brownies.

The students who attended the event had good weather, warm and sunny, to play in.

Billy Flowers, a graduate student and the assistant residence director of Greek Court was glad to see the event to be such a success.

“People really got into it, helped to raise funds for St. Jude, and helped increase interest in Greek Life,” he said.

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RUN FOR A REASON

Eastern's first Run for a Reason was held Sunday evening along the Panther Trail. The 1.8-mile run/walk helped raise funds for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Go to our Web site for a slideshow of the event.



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Online Poll Question of the Week: Are you satisfied with your major?

A. Yes **B.** No **C.** I haven't picked one yet

Poll results and next week's question will be on **Page 5** of Friday's edition of the Daily Eastern News.

UNIVERSITY

Registered nurses look to enhance their careers

Fourteen students comprise program's first-ever semester

By Sara Cuadrado
University Reporter

When Christine Matlock goes to work, she is also going to school.

That's because Matlock works at Decatur Memorial Hospital and is one of 14 students that make up the first group of students in Eastern's new nursing program.

The 36-year-old registered nurse from Shelbyville is one example of the range of students in the first class.

"They're from a diversity of back-

grounds," said Dianne Nelson, director of the nursing program.

This program is for students who are already registered nurses. Most students have a bachelor's degree in other areas such as theatre arts or English. The program is designed for students transferring from another college or community college.

The students are all from towns in the surrounding area. Nelson said the students have a lot to contribute to class discussions.

She said the different students are looking to work in areas as wide-ranging as pediatrics and home health.

The program was designed for people who are already working. Courses are offered Monday and

"It's gone just as well as I could possibly hope."

— Dianne Nelson
Director of the Nursing Program

Wednesday nights this fall and full- and part-time options are available. The program lasts two years.

Most of the courses are in the evening because the students are older and work in the daytime, Nelson said.

Nursing students need to take two courses each semester of nursing. The courses range from topics of research to clinical health.

Most of the program's students are already working in the field. Two

of the nursing students are working on-campus at Eastern's Health Service. Other students work at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Matlock said she chose this program because of the convenience. She added this program because she was allowed to transfer more credits than the other programs she looked at.

The program was in the works for a year and Nelson said she is now working on more recruiting. They have 10 signed up for the spring semester.

Nelson said the program has had a smooth transition.

"It's gone just as well as I could possibly hope," said Nelson.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Volunteer Fair to offer diverse opportunities

The Office of Orientation and the Student Volunteer Center are joining to present a Volunteer Fair today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the South Quad.

The fair will feature a wide range of volunteer opportunities for attendees.

22 local volunteer groups and organizations will be meeting with those interested and handing out volunteer information.

For more information on this event, contact the Student Volunteer Center at 348-0188.

Dreamweaver workshop today in McAfee

The Center for Academic Technology Support (CATS) will be hosting a free workshop today for faculty, staff and graduate assistants on how to build a simple Web site using the program Dreamweaver.

The workshop will be in the CATS Training Lab in Room 1214 of McAfee Gymnasium from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call 581-8397.

Sessions offered for studying abroad

Study Abroad will be offering free information sessions on a weekly basis to inform students about studying abroad from Eastern.

This week's session will today be from 4 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Room 1207 Blair Hall.

For more information, call 581-7267.

Anniversary reception to take place at Tarble

The Tarble Arts Center Advisory Board will be having its 25th Anniversary Gala reception tonight.

The event will be held at Tarble from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. and is for members only. Black tie is optional.

A brief history of Tarble will be presented and an exhibition of Tarble's collections will be shown. Paul Johnston will provide his pianist talents.

Admission is \$25, and all proceeds will support Tarble Arts Center.

— Hayley Clark, News Editor

GREEK LIFE



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Members of the Pan Hellenic Council dine with Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Nadler at the St. Jude barbecue hosted at Carman Hall on Sunday.

Barbecue raises funds for St. Jude

Greek event also collects donations for injured biker

By Jane Ruppert
Staff Reporter

Bob Dudolski received the call.

A Sigma Pi member called the Director of Greek Life when he saw a jar at the BP gas station in Charleston.

The jar was collecting money to help Jimmy Haynes, a father of three and brother of an Eastern student.

Haynes had been paralyzed in a motorcycle accident in June.

He is currently being treated at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

When Dudolski heard about the

"The event has been successful in the past and we alter the event each year to keep it fresh."

— Bob Dudolski
Director of Greek Life

cause, he decided to include it in the annual Greek Barbeque. The event was held at Carman Hall on Sunday and was hosted by Greek Life. A jar was set out for donations to help the Haynes family. It was one of several new additions to this year's picnic.

"The event has been successful in the past and we alter the event each year to keep it fresh," Dudolski said.

The event began at 3 p.m. with a sand volleyball tournament in which students donated \$5 per team to enter. Students also had the chance to donate money without participat-

ing in the tournament and find out more information about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. All the money raised from the tournament will go to the hospital.

The Greek community has been giving to St. Jude for 8 years.

Katie Pankov, vice president of Greek recruitment and retirement, said the Greek councils chose St. Jude because a friend of a Greek council member was directly affected by the hospital.

When the Greek community created the fundraiser during the 1999-

2000 school year, it only hosted an open house.

In the past, in return for the Greek community's donations, St. Jude invites Eastern students to visit the research and treatment center in Memphis, Tenn.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the single-largest research and treatment center in the United States.

They research ways to cure pediatric cancer and other childhood diseases.

During their visit, Greek students learn about the hospital and are able to see firsthand how the contributions are helping the children at St. Jude.

The plan is to set up a jar to help the Haynes family at future Greek events.

BLOTTER

Anthony Lee Daley, 23, of Dalton City was charged with driving under the influence after an Aug. 19 traffic stop at 10th Street and Garfield Avenue.

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WHO IS THIS?

I saw an ad for a blood drive. It raised some questions for me. One is, how does a building, like the union, sponsor an event?

Another one is, why does the collecting group not identify itself? What is the secret? Why should we not know?

Bryan Miller,
Biological Sciences Professor

Letters to the editor can be submitted at any time on any topic to the Opinions Editor to be published in The Daily Eastern News. The Daily Eastern News’ policy is to run all letters that are not libelous or potentially harmful. They must be less than 250 words.

Letters to the editor can be brought in with identification to the DEN at 1811 Buzzard Hall or submitted electronically from the author’s EIU e-mail address to DENopinions@gmail.com.

COLUMNISTS AND
CARTOONISTS ARE
WELCOME

The Daily Eastern News has a weekly spot open on Wednesdays for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a column. These columns can be submitted from Eastern e-mail addresses and can cover any topics. The columns can be up to 500 words and are subject to editing.

Cartoons by Eastern artists on political or campus happenings can be submitted to 1811 Buzzard Hall for a chance at publication.

For more information contact **Nicole Milstead**, the Opinions Editor, at 581-7942 or at **DENopinions@gmail.com**.

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | BEN ABERLE



STAFF EDITORIAL

EIU reads, but what
if they don’t want to?

The Daily Eastern News believes the EIU Reads program is positive for incoming freshmen. However, the program could improve by having clear consequences for students who do not read the assigned book.

As far as we know, no freshman was informed that if they did not read the book they would be punished.

The program is positive because it gives a shared academic experience for the freshmen. It gives students a chance to learn how to properly read and analyze a text before they need to do it for class.

This instruction should benefit all students in their mandatory general education English classes. Plus, the students get a free book.

The book “A Hope in the Unseen” is a good choice because it follows one boy through the college application process and beginning of college experience.

The EIU Reads committee chose the book mainly for its subject matter. Students who are coming in should be able to relate to the boy and some of his trials.

The students will benefit from the interaction with new people in reading groups as a way to make new friends when they get to Eastern. The book itself is a good read and could give some a good introduction to college class discussion.

When the students came to Eastern, they

EDITORIAL POLICY

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were told to attend the one mandatory meeting, which was set up like a class.

The students were given seven questions to answer ahead of time to turn in to the discussion leaders, who are mainly library staff members.

After that they were told they might use the book in their English class, but that was up to the instructor.

The reading circles were designed to give students a class-setting feeling. These might give shy students a jumpstart or the courage to participate in class discussion because class participation is often such a large part of some course grades and is usually included in every level.

However, the DEN believes that they should go a step further in preparing freshmen for classes by also setting an example that consequences exist.

Whether it be a credit towards a grade or a check toward graduation such as the Electronic Writing Portfolio, some credit needs to be given.

Just because this reading experience is truly beneficial to students it does not mean they will do it just to better themselves.

“LET’S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT”

Why should Eastern students participate in politics
while in college? How will this benefit them?

To submit your opinion on this week’s topic, bring it in with identification to the DEN at 1811 Buzzard Hall or submit it electronically from the author’s EIU e-mail address to DENopinions@gmail.com by 4 p.m. on Thursday.

COLUMN |
KATIE’S KALEIDOSCOPEI’m not an
American, I
just live hereKATIE
ANDERSON

Last semester, I studied abroad at the University of Winchester in England and during this time I spent a month backpacking through most of Western Europe. In my traveling party there were three other women.

One night at dinner we talked about our families and lives back home.

I am a fourth-generation American.

My great-grandparents were farmers from Norway and an area of what is now Austria. They immigrated to the Chicago area at the turn of the last century.

I expected similar stories out of my companions. However, I learned that although all four of us were born in America, only three of us considered ourselves American.

The fourth girl in our party has first generation citizens for parents – they hail from Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

She has two first languages and speaks only Farsi in her home and was raised according to Muslim law and her family is very close.

She does not consider herself an American first – as she and her family only live in America because they were forced to leave their former homes due to war and a poor economy. She told me she and her family feel sad about the migration and now live in America only because it is safer and they can afford a better life.

This summer when I returned from my trip, I worked at carnivals around the state. While there I learned that some of my fellow “carnies” were born in America, but do not consider themselves American.

Although they were born, live and work in America as I do, they consider themselves the nationality of their illegal immigrant parents.

Financial and educational reasons had motivated their family’s relocation and all said they would rather be back home, Nicaragua and Mexico. I often wonder if the “I just live here” attitude would have shown through in conversations with people like my great-grandparents.

The last “great wave of immigration” I remember from my history books seemed different. The majority of immigrants during that wave carried people from second and first world countries to America – the land of opportunity, to settle and become part of the melting pot.

The United States Census Bureau in a 2006 press release stated the majority of immigrants now are coming from third world countries.

From what I have observed in my relationships, the initial motives are not “to become an American.”

I do not mean to say all immigrants to the United States in this recent wave have come with no dream of assimilation.

And having not lived through the last “Great Wave,” I can not directly compare. I can only offer my observations in isolated cases and wonder at what kind of population this situation will create.

A generation of people, born in America, who live with the attitude “I just live here.”

JUMPING FOR JOY



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Dalton Fugate from Mattoon attempts to ollie down seven concrete steps behind Buzzard Hall Sunday.

STATE

Learn how to learn

Students not well prepared for college, says board

By Ashley Ruefff
Senior Reporter

The Illinois Board of Higher Education discussed its concern about preparing students for higher education at its Aug. 14 meeting at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, said Jeff Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs.

“The board feels there’s too much remediation that’s required when students get to college,” Cross said.

He represented Eastern at the meeting, as President Bill Perry and Provost Blair Lord were both unable to attend.

A presentation was given at the meeting about how prepared students are for higher education after leaving the K-12 system in Illinois. IBHE plans to address the issue in the coming year in hopes of increasing student readiness for higher education, Cross said.

Eastern currently offers non-credit courses designed to prepare students for college-level work.

Cross said student preparedness is an issue that all Illinois higher

NEXT IBHE MEETING

- **Where:** Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
- **When:** October 2

education institutions will address with IBHE.

Also at the meeting, IBHE discussed a statewide plan for higher education in Illinois, Cross said.

“The board feels it’s been quite a while since attention was paid to a comprehensive statewide plan,” Cross said. “They expect to do some things on that this coming year.”

Mention was also made of a statewide security task force, Cross said, with a possibility of all hazards training exercises on Illinois university and college campuses this year.

“I think a lot of the heightened interest and concern in these areas has been brought on by the tragedy that occurred at Virginia Tech last spring,” Cross said.

Also, some agenda items were postponed at the meeting because the state budget had not been finalized at the time of the meeting, Cross said. Grant recommendations could not be made to the board. Plans for further action after the postponement were not made, Cross said.

Additional state funds will be spent on instructional purposes

BUDGET, FROM PAGE 1

“We are pleased that the state has increased our appropriations,” Perry said.

The state budget totaled around \$59 billion after Blagojevich cut \$463 million, which he plans to use to expand health care programs.

Among the cuts, Blagojevich sliced funds to grants, which would go to researching the prevention of autism, HIV, Alzheimer’s disease and

potential pandemic flu. He also cut funds for the developmentally disabled and elderly veterans.

The 2008 fiscal year began July 1, but Blagojevich and the General Assembly could not agree on a state budget.

A month-long temporary budget was approved for July, but the stalemate between the two parties lasted well into the month of August. This resulted in a non-existent budget for Illinois beginning August 1.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said Eastern used money left over from the July temporary budget to pay the payroll for the first half of August.

Eastern would have started using tuition funds to pay the payroll for the second half of August if Blagojevich did not approve the General Assembly’s state budget, he said.

“With the tuition payments, we think we can meet our obligations, but it won’t be as much fun as it

would be if we had the state funding,” Cooley said before Blagojevich approved the budget.

Eastern will not have to resort to using tuition funds to make payroll after Blagojevich approved the state budget Thursday.

Cooley said the 1.9 percent increase in state funding, and tuition fees, goes to Eastern’s instruction purposes. The House of Representatives and the Senate can override Blagojevich’s vetoes to the state bud-

get, which would result in creating a new state budget.

But Senate President Emil Jones (D-Chicago) said he would block any effort the Senate will try to override Blagojevich’s cuts to the budget, as reported by The Chicago Sun-Times. As for the increase in money Eastern is set to receive, Perry could not be any happier.

“The bottom line is the state has given us more money, and we are grateful for that,” Perry said.

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STATE BRIEFS

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ISU business students to dress 'business casual'

NORMAL — Sweat pants, flip-flops and wrinkles are out. Khakis, loafers and sharp creases are in at the Illinois State University College of Business.

ISU officials have instituted a "business casual" dress code for hundreds of students, starting this semester.

Tim Longfellow, the school's marketing department chairman, said the decision was made by faculty last January to "enhance the overall professionalism" at the school.

The dress code applies to about 750 students while they are attending their marketing and business teacher education courses — although students in introduction to marketing management get a pass.

Governor's cuts raise questions about motives

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich apparently wants to repair half a bridge.

Blagojevich's cuts to the state budget include at least two cases where he rejected a request for half the money for a bridge-repair project but approved another request for the other half of the money.

That wasn't the only odd result of his budget decisions.

The Democratic governor also cut the money to add 80 beds at a veterans retirement home in LaSalle. Last year, he praised that same project and said "we owe it" to Illinois veterans.

The budget cuts he announced this week also spared most of the spending requested by members of a legislative committee with the power to block the health care programs he hopes to launch soon.

And, despite his emphasis on creating new health programs, Blagojevich cut tens of millions of dollars from a long list of current health services.

Legislators said Friday that Blagojevich is obviously punishing his enemies and rewarding his friends, or potential friends.

Mob diminished, but still in business

'Family Secrets' trial defendants seniors, but mob still alive in Chicago

CHICAGO — Robberies are "scores," criminal charges "beefs" and getting sent to prison "going away" in the language of witnesses testifying at Chicago's biggest mob trial in years.

Jurors in the "Family Secrets" trial have heard testimony about a kiss like the one Michael gave his brother Fredo in "The Godfather." About mob wannabes initiated as full-fledged "made guys" by cutting their fingers and burning holy pictures in their bare hands in secret basement ceremonies. And about how those who crossed the "Chicago Outfit" sometimes ended up in the trunk of a car.

Yet with five men in their 60s and 70s as prosecutors' targets — one of whom alternates between a cane

and a wheelchair — the testimony seems more a throwback to the days of Al Capone than it does any representation of the mob today.

Experts insist that isn't the case. Even if the Outfit isn't what it was in decades past, it isn't six feet under either, they say.

"People say, 'Look at how old these guys are on trial, it's a geriatric organization,'" said John Binder, author of "The Chicago Outfit."

"What you're seeing is just part of the organization," he said. "They're still doing gambling, they've still got some labor racketeering, they've got their hooks into some unions (and) they're still doing juice lending."

The charges against the five men include gambling and loan sharking along with 18 long-unsolved murders. While the allegations date mostly to the 1970s and 1980s, Binder notes that the mob's influence still lingers.

A few years ago, for example, plans for a casino in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont were derailed

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Retired FBI agent

amid concerns about mob ties in the village. And in the late 1990s, one of the nation's largest unions, Laborers International, publicly launched an effort to drive organized crime from its Chicago District Council.

In fact, the trial itself has served as a reminder that it's not necessary to watch "The Untouchables" for examples of the mob's reach.

Jurors heard one of the men on trial, Frank Calabrese Sr., talking about collecting "recipes" — code for payoffs — in the late 1990s while he was behind bars.

"What the trial has made clear is even when they are in prison they continue to exert influence and con-

trol," said James Wagner, the head of the Chicago Crime Commission, who investigated the mob for years when he was an FBI agent.

Some say it's naive to suggest that because so many of the reputed mobsters, including those on trial, are old, that the Outfit doesn't have people ready to step in and take over for the old mobsters, referred to as "Mustache Petes."

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Binder compared the mob to a major company.

Teen rejects reoffered ROTC scholarship

Navy took back scholarship due to teen's back injury

CHICAGO — The Navy offered the scholarship, then rescinded the money, then offered it again last week.

But family members said Sunday that a Loyola University freshman no longer wants the Navy's full college scholarship to enlist in its ROTC program.

The Navy awarded 18-year-old Danielle Littrell up to \$180,000 in scholarship money last fall because she was an "exceptional candidate" as a class valedictorian, star basketball player and black belt in karate. But the Navy rescinded the offer last month because officials said a herniated disc from 2005 disqualified her.

By then, Littrell's family said the teenager, whose dream it was to

become a military physician, had turned down scholarships from several schools, including a full ride to play basketball at the University of Minnesota.

The Navy offered the scholarship again to Littrell on Thursday and she declined it Saturday, according to Lori Littrell, speaking on her daughter's behalf from the family's home in Farmington, Mo.

"At this time, we are concerned that the reversal of the decision to physically not qualify Danielle is simply a ploy on the Navy's part to dismiss the negative attention that the Navy is currently receiving," the family wrote in a letter to the Navy.

Lori Littrell said her daughter, whose room is covered in Navy regalia, never hid her back injury and the Navy should have acted sooner.

Navy officials have said there was no unusual delay in alerting the student of the rejection and that all applicants sign paperwork that says the scholarship money is contingent

upon a physical.

"We regret the timing. It placed a fair amount of stress on the family," Navy spokesman Captain Jack Hanzlik said Sunday. "We truly are sorry ... All along, we had wanted to try and find a way to make this work out."

The ROTC program lets a student chose a college. In exchange for four years of tuition, the student serves four years in the military as an officer.

If Littrell had qualified for medical school after college, as she hoped to do, the Navy would pay for that too, in exchange for additional service.

Littrell got the back injury in the summer of 2005 when she was "dog-piled" during a basketball game, her mother said.

On March 16, Littrell had a Navy medical examination and told the doctor about the old basketball injury, but said she had no pain and had been rehabilitated, her mother said.

Four months later, a letter from the Department of Defense said she was not fit for duty because of her herniated disc and a "weak or painful back." The family protested, and her orthopedist sent more medical records to the Navy to help her case. But the military stuck by its decision in a letter in late July.

"Danielle's feeling for the military is not a positive one. I don't know she would ever trust what the Navy would say to her," Lori Littrell said. "She had a lot of concern she would be singled out. She doesn't know how she would be treated."

In order to pay for Loyola University on her own, Danielle Littrell has applied for loans and taken a 20-hour-a-week job managing the women's basketball team.

Lori Littrell said her daughter should be compensated by the Navy for what she calls "blunder after blunder." No lawsuit has been filed, but the mother said it might be a possibility.

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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Big Easy musicians march for better wages

NEW ORLEANS — Musicians, instruments strapped to their backs and signs in hand, marched to the French Quarter on Sunday, demanding better wages and asking tourists, music lovers and political leaders not to take them for granted.

“It ain’t easy to be in the Big Easy,” Deacon John Moore, the president of the local musicians union, told onlookers after the low-key march through the rain from Louis Armstrong Park. “Our musicians are suffering. We hate to come out here and beg, but we have no alternative at this point.”

Many musicians, like other New Orleanians, are struggling with life since Hurricane Katrina struck nearly two years ago. Many venues that offered live music have not reopened or offer the stage as often.

That’s creating a “cutthroat mentality” among the working musicians in town, Moore said. While the union has a minimum scale wage, not all members are adhering to it, Moore said.

Some are working on the streets for tips from tourists and other passers-by, cheapening the value of what they’re producing, he said.

Firefighters face strong winds that aid wildfire

BOISE, Idaho — Firefighters on Sunday braced for a second day of wind that has stoked a wildfire and forced more than 1,000 homes to be evacuated.

The blaze near the town of Ketchum in central Idaho surged on Saturday, when wind also grounded firefighting aircraft, but Sunday officials said no buildings had been lost and no one had been seriously injured.

The lightning-caused fire had spread across 40 square miles. The main concern Sunday was wind-blown embers that can start new fires ahead of the main blaze, said Julie Thomas, fire information officer for the Sawtooth National Forest. She said crews stationed in residential areas had put out such fires within 200 yards of buildings.

“Today is a critical day for the fire,” said Thomas.

OHIO

Cleanup of ‘devastating’ storm begins

FEMA officials walk through Ohio village and assess damage

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio residents removed piles of water-logged carpet, couches and upended refrigerators from their homes Sunday as they began the cleanup from recent flooding that Gov. Ted Strickland called “devastating.”

Strickland and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials surveyed damage in the heavily flooded northwest Ohio village of Ottawa, where he walked through the muddy streets.

“It’s difficult to exaggerate or embellish upon what’s happened here. It’s absolutely devastating,” Strickland said in a telephone interview.

The governor wants the federal government to declare a major disaster in the parts of north-central Ohio inundated by the past week’s powerful storms and record floods that were blamed for at least 18 deaths in the Midwest.

Meanwhile, the remnants of what was once Hurricane Dean soaked Southern California on Sunday afternoon, with as much as three inches of rain falling on the deserts



ROMAIN BLANQUART | MCT

Fenton, Mich., resident Ross Pitcole checks on the damage to his car Saturday after storms moved through the area on Friday.

of southwest San Diego County.

Motorists were stranded in flooded washes alongside a road in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and lightning-struck power lines left 14,300 customers without power for almost five hours, a spokeswoman for San Diego Gas & Electric said. About 1,800 remained without

power Sunday afternoon.

In southern Michigan, utility crews had restored power to all but 26,000 of 427,000 homes and businesses left without power two days earlier.

The National Weather Service confirmed that tornadoes touched down in six areas Friday along an

80-mile line in the state, destroying at least 250 homes and businesses in Fenton.

“Fenton sustained the greatest amount of damage where the tornado path widened to approximately one-quarter mile - including the snapping and uprooting of hundreds of trees,” the weather service said in a statement.

Emergency shelters shut down Sunday because almost all Fenton residents whose houses were destroyed or damaged apparently found shelter with relatives, said Dick Beauchamp, damage assessment officer for the Genesee-Lapeer Chapter of the American Red Cross.

“Last night there was nobody in the shelter. Everybody apparently had someplace to go,” Beauchamp said. “Pretty much everybody is insured so I doubt we’ll have any client casework to do.”

President Bush on Sunday issued a disaster declaration Sunday in five southwestern Wisconsin counties after a Federal Emergency Management Agency assessment a day earlier.

The disaster declaration means residents can apply for assistance, including grants for temporary housing and home repairs and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses.

Strickland said a similar declaration in Ohio could come late Sunday or early Monday.

UTAH

Search continues for missing miners

Mine’s owner says hope not completely gone in trying to find six men

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Despite three weeks of drilling and digging that have revealed no signs of life from six men trapped inside a collapsed coal mine, officials said Sunday the search was continuing.

Federal and mine company officials said a seventh borehole was being punched into the Crandall Canyon mine and that a special robotic camera was being lowered into a hole drilled during previous

efforts to find the men.

The camera is similar to one used to search within the wreckage of the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It can take images in the darkened cavern from about 50 feet away with the help of a 200-watt light, can travel 1,000 feet from the end of the test hole and has some ability to move around the rubble, officials said.

“We’re very excited about it. The families are thrilled to hear this,” said Colin King, a lawyer for the miners’ families.

Images from the camera were not expected until Monday.

Robin Murphy, director of the Institute for Safety Security Rescue Technology at the University of

South Florida, said her camera’s ability to obtain images in the mine was a long shot. She said it was not clear whether the camera would fit all the way down the hole and into the mine, and that debris in the shaft could obscure any images.

“There’s mud, there’s rocks, there’s things that make it unfavorable,” Murphy said.

The Crandall Canyon miners were last heard from about 3 a.m. Aug. 6, just before a thunderous shudder inside the mountain cracked the ribs of the mine and filled passageways with debris, cutting off an exit route. It’s never been clear if they survived the cave-in.

Digging through the rubble-filled mine shaft was halted after a second

collapse killed three rescuers and injured six others Aug. 16.

Sunday’s announcement came a day after crews penetrated the mine with a sixth borehole, finding a debris-filled area too small for the men to survive, officials said.

“There could be no sign of life in such a condition,” mine co-owner Bob Murray said Sunday.

Murray said the seventh hole would be drilled into the kitchen area of the mine, an area where miners are trained to flee in case of collapse. “We haven’t given up hope,” he said.

Murray had previously said the sixth borehole, drilled more than 1,700 feet deep, would be the last before sealing the mine.

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IRAQ



HANNAH ALLAM | MCT

Sheikh Ali Hatem Ali Suleiman, the deputy leader of the Du-laim, the largest and most powerful tribe in Anbar province in Iraq, says U.S. federal rebuilding funds indirectly fund Iraqi insurgent groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq because local contractors have to pay off militants to move supplies in the area.

Iraqi prime minister: U.S. military made ‘big mistakes’ in raids

Al-Maliki lashes out at critics as pressure mounts

BAGHDAD — Iraq’s embattled prime minister lashed out at American critics Sunday, saying Sen. Hillary Clinton and other Democrats who have called for his ouster should “come to their senses” and stop treating Iraq like “one of their villages.”

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki also lambasted the U.S. military for raids in Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, adding new strains ahead of next month’s show-down in Washington over the future of the U.S. mission.

The grim combination of ongoing violence and political deadlock have increased frustration in both Washington and Baghdad, with American lawmakers increasingly critical of al-Maliki’s performance and Iraqi leaders growing weary of what they consider unfair U.S. criticism.

Clinton and Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have called for al-Maliki to be replaced.

“There are American officials who consider Iraq as if it were one of their villages, for example Hillary Clinton and Carl Levin. They should come to their senses,” al-Maliki said at a news conference.

Al-Maliki denounced recent U.S. military actions in the Baghdad Shiite neighborhoods of Shula and Sadr City that according to the Iraqis resulted in civilian deaths.

“Concerning American raids on Shula and Sadr City, there were big mistakes committed in these operations. The terrorist himself should be targeted not his family,” al-Maliki said “We will not allow the detaining of innocent people.”

Two nights ago the U.S. military clashed with Shiite gunmen in Shula after they attacked an American patrol. The U.S. said eight

“terrorists” were killed, but some Iraqis reported civilians were among the dead and injured.

Al-Maliki launched his verbal counteroffensive about two weeks before the American commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker are due in Washington to report to Congress on progress in Iraq since the introduction of 30,000 more American troops.

The presence of those reinforcements has done little to bring about political reconciliation among Iraq’s

“There are American officials who consider Iraq as if it were one of their villages. They need to come to their senses.”

— Nouri al-Maliki
Prime Minister of Iraq

Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds — the key to lasting stability.

In the latest in a series of political crisis meetings, Iraq’s top leaders failed again Sunday to convince the main Sunni bloc to join a new alliance of Shiites and Kurds to break the political impasse.

This month’s decision by the Sunnis’ Iraqi Accordance Front to bolt the al-Maliki government plunged the country into a political crisis.

During the meeting, attended by Crocker, the leaders endorsed holding provincial elections, releasing prisoners held without charge and changing the law preventing many former members of Saddam Hussein’s Baath Party from holding government jobs and elected office.

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Thomas adapts to Eastern, college game

THOMAS, FROM PAGE 12

But he hadn't yet learned Eastern's defensive scheme well enough during his first two years where he could fully showcase his skills, Bellantoni said.

"He's got unbelievable instincts," Bellantoni said. "Like a screen pass for example. He'll be blitzing the quarterback, read a screen pass and break up the pass. Some type of running play that we haven't seen all week that they put in special for us, he sees it."

Junior strong safety Ke'Andre Sams said Thomas' knowledge about

the game and his understanding of the opponent is superior.

"He picks up when he knows coach is going to call a coverage before he even calls it because he's been in the system so long," Sams said. "He knows if an offense is going to run on first down, or if they're going to try to pass in certain situations."

Sams said Thomas has told him to be aware of certain movements his opponents make, like how the quarterback looks at the defense whether he'll audible out of the play, or how he stands as keys to what type of pass

the quarterback will throw.

Senior Anthony Rubican, a three-year starter at right tackle for the Panthers, said blocking a linebacker like Thomas is a tough task for any offensive linemen.

"Their game speed is a lot faster," Rubican said. "They read stuff faster than normal linebackers so you've got to be more on your game, just to get off the ball faster, get to your spots faster than they can."

Thomas said he think he'll be more of a distraction this year because teams will focus their blocking efforts on him, freeing up his

teammates to make more plays.

If Thomas does have another breakout year, expect him to be a serious contender for another OVC Defensive Player of the Year and several All-American teams. Thomas needs 138 tackles to break into Eastern's top five in terms of career tackles. And he's already left a lasting impression on Tennessee Tech first-year head coach Watson Brown and what he's seen of Thomas on film.

"He's kind of the epitome of a linebacker," Brown said. "You better know where he is. He's going to be around the ball."

THOMAS AWAY FROM THE FOOTBALL FIELD

- **Favorite Movie:** Heat.
"It's better than Scarface," Thomas said. "I love Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro. I think those guys are phenomenal actors."
- **Career plans:**
"I definitely want to go into law enforcement," Thomas said. "I can't go into the armed services and fight in a war against terrorism, so I figure I can help clean up the streets in the states."

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Roethlisberger leads Steelers to victory

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger's numbers looked exceptional for an exhibition game, especially for only a half. He knows how much better he and the Pittsburgh Steelers could have played.

Roethlisberger, effective for only one drive previously in this preseason, passed for 247 yards before halftime to lead three Pittsburgh scoring drives and the Steelers shook off numerous mistakes to defeat the cross-state Philadelphia Eagles 27-13 Sunday night.

Roethlisberger didn't pass for a score, but spread the ball among seven receivers and six caught at least one pass of 18 yards or longer.

Running back Najeh Davenport had two long receptions totaling 58 yards and tight end Heath Miller, often absent in the offense, had two for 50 yards.

Pro Bowl running back Willie Parker, limited to four carries before now because of a sore knee that sidelined him for two weeks of training camp, ran 18 yards for a score following Roethlisberger's 22-yard completion to Santonio Holmes during a 13-point second quarter for Pittsburgh. Parker also caught three passes for 40 yards.

It could have been a lot better for the Steelers, too, even during their best preseason performance since Roethlisberger drove them 80 yards in six plays to score on their opening drive Aug. 5 during a 20-7 win over New Orleans.

Roethlisberger hadn't led a TD drive in seven series since then and, on his opening series Sunday, was intercepted when he flung the ball out of desperation trying to avoid a sack and threw it directly into Trent Cole's hands.

Eagles defenders dropped two more passes from Roethlisberger later in the half.

United States beats Brazil for first place

LAS VEGAS — With big games from its three biggest stars, first place came impressively for the United States.

LeBron James scored 21 points, Kobe Bryant added 20 and harassed Leandro Barbosa all over the court, and the Unit-

ed States clinched the top spot in its group by beating Brazil 113-76 Sunday night in the FIBA Americas tournament.

Carmelo Anthony also had 21 for the Americans (4-0), who for the second straight game pulled away by holding their opponent without a field goal for more than 6 minutes in the second quarter.

The Americans improved to 30-0 in Olympic qualifying games and will open second-round play Monday night against Mexico, the fourth-place finisher in Group A, in a matchup of former coaching rivals: Nolan Richardson beat Mike Krzyzewski for the 1994 NCAA title when Arkansas edged Duke.

Bryant led the defensive effort that held Barbosa to just four points on 1-of-7 shooting before a Thomas & Mack Center crowd that included former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Russell. Injured U.S. star Dwyane Wade watched from the bench for the second straight day.

Barbosa entered averaging a tournament-best 27 points after scoring 36 Saturday in a 93-89 victory over the U.S. Virgin Islands.

But the Phoenix guard and NBA's top sixth man never got into this game and was on the bench in foul trouble when the Americans broke open the game late in the second quarter.

Ochoa claims third straight LPGA title

PORTLAND, Ore., — Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa earned her vacation.

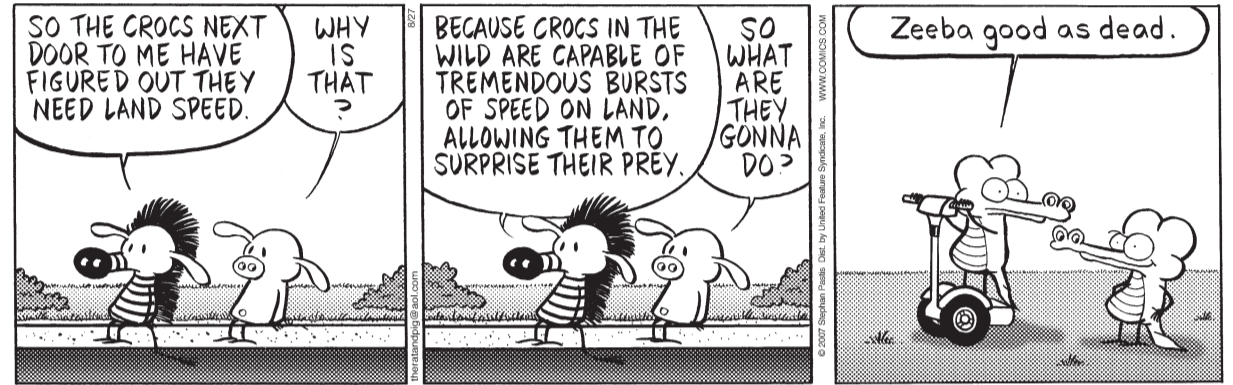
She claimed her third straight LPGA title with a five-stroke victory in the Safeway Classic.

Ochoa shot a 71 in the final round for a 12-under 204 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club for her sixth victory of the season.

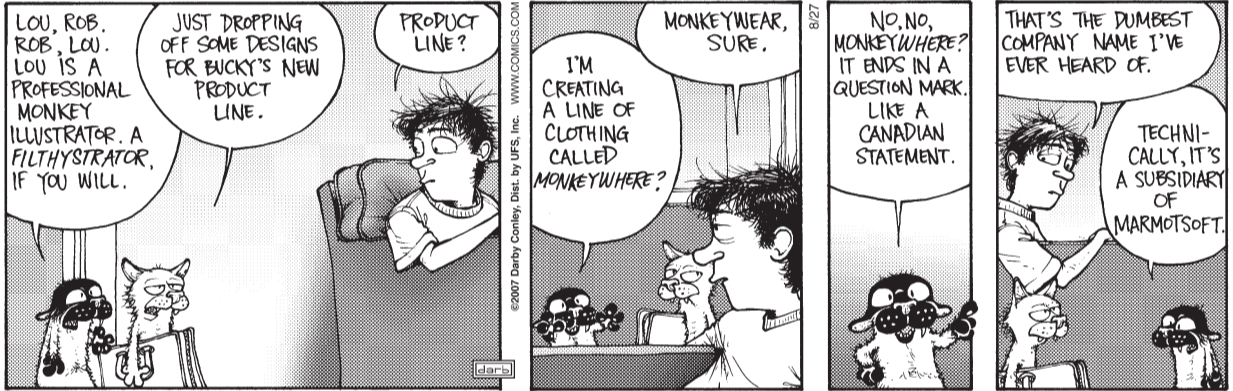
In-Bee Park (64), Christina Kim (69), Sophie Gustafson (75) and Mhairi McKay (72) all finished at 7-under 209.

"They keep saying, 'You should play, you can do four in a row,'" said Ochoa, who is taking a month off. "But it's time for me to go home. I'm very happy with my three wins. And this year has been very special to me."

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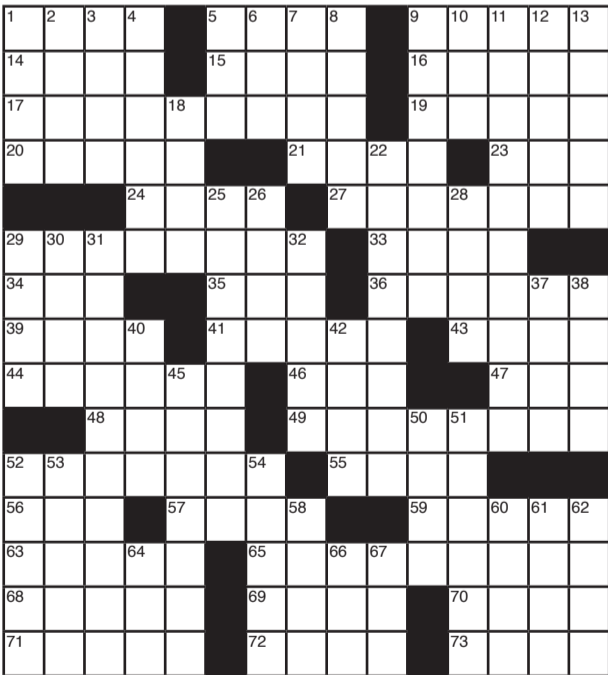
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- ACROSS
- Cutlass or 88, in the auto world
 - Result of a serious head injury
 - Refrigerates
 - Hilarious happening
 - Not new
 - Big foil maker
 - *It rolls across the Plains
 - Poverty-stricken
 - Church music maker
 - Bean from which sauce is made
 - 18, e.g., as a minimum for voting
 - When repeated, a Hawaiian fish
 - Kevin of "Field of Dreams"
 - Psychiatrists' appointments
 - Western Indians
 - First responder, say: Abbr.
 - ESE's reverse
 - Spoke roughly
 - Former coin in the Trevi Fountain
 - Barely chewable
 - "It is so"
 - California city on a bay, slangily
 - Shooters' org.
 - Coach Parseghian
 - Edith who sang "La Vie en Rose"
 - Responsible for, as something bad
 - Wife of Marc Antony
 - Vivacity
 - "The Tell-Tale Heart" teller
 - 1967 Montreal attraction
 - Saint _____, Caribbean nation
 - Range maker
 - *Beehive contents
 - Put back to 0000, say
 - Preppy shirt label
 - Jai _____
 - Birch and larch
 - Politicos with a donkey symbol
 - Barber's call
- DOWN
- Roughly
 - False witness
 - Rapper Snoop _____
 - Really ticks off
 - Snarling dog
 - The Buckeyes, for short
 - Result of a ransacking
 - Like some committees
 - Card game with melding
 - Bullfight cry
 - *Juice drink brand
 - Where Moose meet
 - Follower of nay or sooth
 - ____ B'rith
 - See 25-Down
 - With 22-Down, what the ends of the answers to the four starred clues are examples of

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| 26 _____ way, shape or form | 40 Land east of the Urals | 54 Green garden bug |
| 28 Try out | 42 Eats | 58 Seep |
| 29 _____-help | 45 Cautions | 60 _____ slaw |
| 30 Mideast leader | 50 Easter bloom | 61 Large-screen cinema format |
| 31 *Alluring dance | 51 Big-billed bird | 62 Not much |
| 32 Moved like a pendulum | 52 Bedazzling museum works | 64 Maiden name precursor |
| 37 Coin across the Atlantic | 53 Person who shows promise | 66 _____ de plume |
| 38 Unhearing | | 67 Mag. staffers |

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SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL		
Friday		
Eastern 3, McNeese State 0		
	1	2 3
McN St.....	17	19 21
Eastern.....	30	30 30
(Eastern 1-0, McNeese St. 1-0)		
McNeese State Leaders– Kills: Tyler 7, Jones 6; Digs: Strama 12, Brooks 5, Cartie 5; Assists: Cartie 20		
Eastern– Kills: Sopcic 12, Zwettler, A., 12; Zwettler, E., 12, Orr, 7; Digs: Boylan 13, Zwettler, E., 12; Assists: Crabtree 40		
Team Blocks: MNST 2.0, EIU 2.0; Team hitting pct.: BUT .135, EIU .425		
Attendance: 147		

Saturday		
Eastern 3, Western Carolina 0		
	1	2 3
WC.....	15	26 12
EASTERN.....	30	30 30
(Eastern 2-0, Western Carolina 2-0)		
Western Carolina Leaders– Kills: Rook 7, Brooks 6, Harmon 5, Digs: Rodone 11, Hennessey 8, McLaughlin 8; Assists: Hennessey 17		
Eastern– Kills: Zwettler, E., 15, Zwettler, A., 9; Digs: Zwettler, A. 10, Boylan 10; As-sists: Crabtree 38		
Team Blocks: WC 8.0, EIU 6.0; Team hit-ting pct.: WC .074, EIU .324		
Attendance: 112		

Saturday		
Southern Methodist 3, Eastern 2		
	1	2 3 4 5
EASTERN.....	33	30 20 23 8
SMU.....	31	25 30 30 15
(Eastern 2-1, Southern Methodist 3-0)		
SMU Leaders– Kills: Guibilato 29, Peters 20, Wilkerson 11 Digs: Davis 26, Wilker-son 16 Assists: Kons 65		
Eastern– Kills: Zwettler, A., 19; Zwettler, E., 17; Sopcic 16, Orr, 13 Digs: Boylan 27, Crabtree 18, Assists: Crabtree 62		
Team Blocks: SMU 12.0, EIU 2.0 ; Team hitting pct.: SMU .322, EIU .227		

WOMEN’S SOCCER		
Saturday		
Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis vs. Eastern		
IUPUI 2, Eastern 1		
Preseason Match		
Goals by period	1	2 Tot
IUPUI	1	1 - 2
Eastern	1	0 - 1

SCORING SUMMARY:
First Half
1. 27:00 EIU Hamilton, Rachel (Somers, Sophie: assist)
Second Half
1. 32:00 IUPUI Levack, Stacy (McMil-lan, MaryBeth: assist)
2. 71:00 IUPUI Pilat, Angie (Harrison, Megan: assist)
Shots: EIU – 16; IUPUI – 9
Fouls: EIU – 15; IUPUI – 8
Corner kicks: EIU – 6; IUPUI – 5

Goalkeeping Stats
Saves by period
IUPUI – First half: 3; Second half: 3
Eastern – First half: 1; Second half: 3

IUPUI
Farrell, Jamie: 75 min., 1 goal, 5 saves
Parks, Maeghan 15 min., 0 goal, 1 save

Eastern
Williams, Jenny: 45 min., 1 goal, 1 save
Lorbert, Williams: 45 min., 1 goal, 3 saves
Attendance: 112
Weather: Sunny, damp
Location: Practice fields adjacent to O'Brien Stadium

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP



E. JASON WAMBSGANS | MCT

Boston’s David Ortiz celebrates his two-run home run in the fifth inning against Chicago. The Red Sox defeated the White Sox, 11-1, on Sunday at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

Red Sox complete sweep

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — David Ortiz hit a two-run homer, and J.D. Drew and Bobby Kielty ended long homerless droughts to back Julian Tavarez’s first win since late June as the Boston Red Sox finished a four-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox with a 11-1 victory Sunday.
Strangely enough, Drew’s last home run was in the same game as Tavarez’s last win: June 20 at Atlanta. Kielty homered for the first time since last Sept. 19, when he was with Oakland.
The Red Sox outscored Chicago 46-7 in the series, dropping the White Sox to 18 games under .500.

Cardinals creep close to .500 mark, division lead

ST. LOUIS — Adam Wainwright allowed a run in seven sharp innings, Juan Encarnacion homered and St. Louis handed Atlanta its fifth loss in six games.
Yadier Molina and So Taguchi each drove in a run in a three-run fifth off Jo-Jo Reyes (0-2) for the Cardinals, who took two of three in the series.
The defending World Series champions are one game below .500 for the second time during a 4-2 homestand.
The Cardinals have not reached .500 since they were 6-6 on April 16.

Arizona take showdown of division leaders

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks keep steaming along, one nailbiter at a time.
Chris Young homered in the first and second innings and drove in four runs as the Diamondbacks defeated the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Sunday to take the three-game series between NL division leaders.
The Diamondbacks improved to a major-league best 29-16 in one-run games. They have won 11 of 13 series since the All-Star break.
Arizona extended its lead to three games over San Diego in the NL West on the eve of a four-game series with the Padres in Petco Park.

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Panthers drop final match to Mustangs

Eastern started well, winning first 8 games

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

The Panthers had an undefeated season going into Saturday night's matchup against the Southern Methodist Mustangs at the SMU Tournament.

The Panthers had swept opponent McNeese 3-0 on Friday and Western Carolina 3-0 earlier in the day.

Eastern won the first two games against SMU 33-31 and 30-25, but game three proved to be the turning point of the night.

The Mustangs came back to win three games in a row to take the match and win their own invitational 3-2 with victories of 30-20, 30-23 and 15-8.

Eastern head coach Lori Bennett said she was proud of the overall performance of her team.

"Overall, I was happy with how we opened the weekend," Bennett said. "Our first two matches went very well. For a young team to do that well right away, is a good sign."

She said she was impressed with the play of the freshmen, but she was not shocked by their performance.

"We compete so much in practice every day," Bennett said. "I've seen what everyone can do on a daily basis. There is so much pressure on the players every day at practice, but they like it and they thrive on it. It's no different with the match."



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Head coach Lori Bennett said she was happy with her team's performance at the Southern Methodist University Tournament this past weekend. The Panthers won their first two matches and lost a close third match to SMU, 3-2.

Freshman outside hitter Alex Zwettler was one of the examples of the freshmen having a good weekend as she recorded her first double-double of her college career as she had 19 kills and 12 digs against SMU.

Other notable freshmen performances were by outside hitter Kelsey Orr, who had her first double-double of her career with 13 kills and 15 digs, and Natalie Barton with two service aces.

Junior middle hitter Lauren Sopcic said she was impressed by the

freshmen performances as well and credited it to their ability to win eight games in a row.

"They did very well," she said. "They were nervous, but they really stepped up."

She said it was nice to see the younger Zwettler get named to the All-Tournament Squad, an honor Sopcic herself also earned this weekend.

Senior setter Maren Crabtree said she felt the team had good ball control and now that the freshmen have had a few good matches be-

hind them, that other teams will "think twice" and "not underestimate them" because they are a young team.

Some of the returning players had standout nights as seniors Eliza Zwettler, an outside hitter, and Crabtree, sophomore libero Shaina Boylan and Sopcic posted good numbers.

The elder Zwettler had two double-doubles on the day. Against the Mustangs, Zwettler had 17 kills and 17 digs.

Sopcic had 16 kills and had an

overall hitting average of .554 for the two-day tournament.

Sopcic said she gives the credit for her performance to her teammates.

"We communicate and play very well as a team," Sopcic said.

Boylan had 27 digs, while Crabtree came close to breaking one of her own set school records of sets with 62, 11 shy of her 73 set record.

Bennett said the one thing she felt changed in the match against SMU was Eastern's inability to maintain its high level of play.

"The goal right now is to get to a high level of play and stay there," she said. "For eight out of 11 games, we did that. In game three, they started to push back at us and we got a little bit shaky but that's because the season is young and we haven't played that much together yet, but we will improve on that as the season goes."

Crabtree said she felt the team played at a high-level for the majority of the tournament.

"I thought we played strong and consistent," Crabtree said. "Our low levels were not by any means bad. We never stayed down too long."

Eastern finished the tournament as runner-up, despite the loss to SMU. Bennett said she was excited the way her team played SMU because she said they are a good team in a good tough conference.

The Panthers will next play when they host the EIU Pepsi Challenge Tournament at Lantz Arena next weekend. The first match starts at 10 a.m. Friday against Memphis with a later match against Indiana State at 7 p.m.

Panthers finish preseason with no wins

SOCCKER, FROM PAGE 12

"Her role as a forward is to get the ball and turn and go at people," Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said. "I think she did well at times."

Somers' assist to set up Hamilton's goal almost didn't happen.

The Heyworth native managed to save the ball from going out of bounds when she headed the ball down and kept it in play.

Hamilton and the other Panthers had other opportunities to score.

Hamilton's other shot came in the second half when Miller set for a direct kick that went off Hamilton's foot over the right endline.

Hamilton said she hit it wrong because the ball came in too fast.

Hamilton's last goal of the regular season came against Wright State last season in a 4-2 Panther loss.

Her first collegiate goal was a more memorable one when she scored the game-winning overtime goal against Loyola (Chicago) last season at Lakeside Field.

She played in 19 games and took 10 shots last season.

Senior forward Michelle Steinhau led Eastern with five shots and two shots on goal.

The Panthers outshot IUPUI 16-9. Seven of Eastern's shots were on goal.

"We have a lot of things to work on," Hamilton said. "I'm excited to actually start the regular season."

Sophomore goalkeeper Jenny Williams and freshman goalkeeper Kaylin Lorbert split the goalkeeping duties.

Williams allowed one goal and



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Senior midfielder Kathleen Hayes moves the ball past a Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis during Saturday's preseason match at Lakeside Field. Hayes was named to the 2005 second team Ohio Valley Conference team.

"We have a lot of things to work on. I'm excited to actually start the regular season."

— Sophomore forward Rachel Hamilton

made one save in the first half, and Lorbert allowed one goal and made three saves in the second half.

The Jaguars' game-winning goal came in the 71st minute when Angie Pilat scored on a cross from Me-

gan Harrison that went to the right side of the net.

Their other goal came in the 31st minute when Stacy Levack sent a shot that went into the upper right-hand corner of the net.

IUPUI's Mary Beth McMillan recorded the assist.

Eastern lost at Butler in its other preseason match 1-0. The Panthers finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference last season and made the conference tournament semifinals.

The Panthers open up the regular season at 4 p.m. on Aug. 31 at Eastern Michigan.

The Panthers lost to the Eagles 2-0 last year at Lakeside Field.

Eastern shows improvement

TEDDER, FROM PAGE 12

Eastern swept Western Carolina and McNeese State.

The one problem I do see is the way the Panthers lost to SMU. It was in heartbreaking fashion, as Eastern took a two-game lead. Last season, the Panthers would take an early lead in the series, but then end up falling behind and eventually losing.

That was all too common for last year's squad as they ended up finishing 3-13 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 8-19 overall.

But Saturday's matchup against the Mustangs was incredibly close and it really could have gone either way.

Losing always stings, but there are many things to be happy about.

Senior outside hitter Eliza Zwettler had two double-doubles on Saturday with 17 kills and 17 digs in both matchups.

But one of the most impressive factors was the play of the freshmen.

Kelsey Orr and Alex Zwettler had their first double-doubles of their brief Eastern careers. Orr had two service aces as well as having 13 kills and 15 digs. Zwettler nearly earned her first double-double on Friday, but did so on Saturday when she had 19 kills and 12 digs.

Consistency and more play like this will be key in coming away with a successful season.

As much as losing to SMU hurt, it does not feel quite as bad when you consider the improvement of play and depth that the Panthers have shown so far this year.



PLACING SECOND

Eastern women's volleyball team finished runnerup at the Southern Methodist University Invitational.
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TRIPLE THREAT



Tim Nowak

Eastern women's soccer starts the regular season on Friday at Eastern Michigan. Last year, head coach Tim Nowak (above) led the Panthers to a third-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference. Eastern made the semifinals of the conference tournament and finished the season (8-7-5).
Here are three reasons to get excited about the soccer season featuring the senior class.

- 1. Kellie Floyd** — The 2006 Co-OVC player of the year emerged junior year with four goals, five assists and 13 points. The forward was named to the OVC first-team and was second on the team with 50 shots last year. She has started 41 consecutive matches and scored two goals against Southeast Missouri last season.
- 2. Michelle Steinhaus** — The Lemont native scored 10 goals and recorded six assists. She was named the 2004 OVC freshman of the year and made the first-team that year as well. Steinhaus led the team last year in game-winning goals and goals. Steinhaus is seventh all time in career goals, fourth in game-winning goals and tied for ninth in career points.
- 3. The rest** — Midfielder Jenny Bock was named to last year's tournament team, midfielder Kathleen Hayes was named to 2005 OVC second-team and defenders Meghan Ryon and Karissa Brenner will anchor the Eastern backfield.

Panthers show signs of progress



ADAM TEDDER

It's too early to be taking any predictive stances or to be making any claims, but if the past weekend is any kind of sign about the rest of the season, then it's safe to say the volleyball team is looking at a better season.
Excuse me, I meant to say a much better season and a bright outlook for the future as well.
Here's the thing — yes, they didn't win the Southern Methodist University Tournament this past weekend, but they put up some impressive wins and numbers.
The Panthers went 2-1, only losing to SMU, through a grueling 5-game competition.
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FOOTBALL | PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

EASTERN LINEBACKER — SIMPLY THE BEST

Thomas uses his knowledge, speed to advantage

By Matt Daniels
Staff Reporter

Roc Bellantoni doesn't hesitate when he says it.
Eastern's defensive coordinator has coached his share of outstanding linebackers during his seven years at Eastern.
All-Americans like Fred Miller, Nick Ricks, Lucius Seymour and Clint Sellers come to Bellantoni's mind.
But none compare to the current middle linebacker Bellantoni has — senior Donald Thomas.
"I'll never forget, on his (recruiting) visit, he sat down in my office and I showed him a Nick Ricks highlight tape," Bellantoni said of Thomas. "And he said 'I'm going to be better than Nick Ricks, coach.' I said 'Good, Donald, I hope you are. He goes 'No, coach, I'm serious. I'm going to be a better football player than Nick Ricks.' He walked out and you think this kid's nuts. He can't be any Nick Ricks. Nick Ricks was the best player I'd coached at the time."
Four years later, Bellantoni said Thomas has changed his mind about who has been the best Eastern linebacker he has coached.
"He's the best linebacker we've had in my time here, Fred Miller included, who signed with the Rams," Bellantoni said. "He's playing better than any of them, at this point, right now."

The 5-foot-10, 237-pound Thomas enters his final year at Eastern, with what he calls "a big bulls-eye on my chest."
And rightly so, especially after last season. Thomas earned the 2006 Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, led the Panthers in tackles with 127 and earned second-team All-American honors by the Sports Network.



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Senior linebacker Donald Thomas tackles a Tennessee State player from the 2006 season. Thomas was named the 2006 Defensive Player of the Year and was named a preseason All-American in 2007.

Before Thursday night's home opener against Tennessee Tech, Thomas has already been named to various preseason All-American teams and was named the best linebacker in the Football Championship Subdivision by the Sports Network.

SEE THOMAS, PAGE 9

DONALD THOMAS' STAT LINE AT EASTERN

Year	Total Tackles	Interceptions	Fumble Recoveries
2004	21	0	0
2005	82	1	2
2006	127	2	4
Career	230	3	6

WOMEN'S SOCCER | INDIANA-PURDUE-INDIANAPOLIS 2, EASTERN 1

Hamilton scores, Eastern falters

Panthers prepare for regular season at Eastern Michigan

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern sophomore forward Rachel Hamilton tried her best on Saturday.
Hamilton's flip throw from the right sideline landed directly at sophomore midfielder Alexis Miller's feet. Miller's shot was stopped by a diving Maeghan Parks who pounced on the ball with less than 15 minutes remaining.
That was Eastern's best chance to score as it lost 2-1 to Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at the practice

fields in Eastern's final preseason match.
"She put the ball in the middle of the box," IUPUI head coach Chris Johnson said. "Whenever you can do that on a throw-in, it's almost like taking corner kicks. It's definitely a dangerous thing."
Hamilton scored Eastern's lone goal of the match when she shot on a cross from freshman forward Sophie Somers in the 27th minute. Hamilton's goal went into the right side of the net, and she was kicked in the process of scoring.
Hamilton said one of the team's mentalities is to sacrifice the body for a goal.
"Her leg went up and as I was striking the ball as it went forward and hit my knee," Hamilton said.



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Freshman Sophie Somers fights for the ball with Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis' Courtney Rozelle during Saturday's preseason match on the practice soccer field. Somers recorded an assist in the first half.

"It hurt really bad. I didn't hear anything pop or twist or anything."
The Springfield native was helped

off the field but later returned to the game.
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